

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Karin Williams on September 15, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 7, "which" has been deleted for proper grammar.

In claim 11, line 10, --a periphery of-- has been inserted after "water passage is provided at" for overcoming 35 USC 112 issue of new matter.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not teach or reasonably suggest, the water tank, as recited by instant claims 1-8, 10-14, 17-21 and 23, particularly including the "periphery-inner circle-periphery pattern" recitation. After further reviewing Gatto (US 3,538,210), the examiner agrees with applicant's remarks filed on June 13, 2008 that Gatto does not teach or reasonably suggest flow in a periphery-inner circle-periphery pattern.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOSEPH LEYSON whose telephone number is (571)272-5061. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9AM-5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gupta Yogendra can be reached on (571) 272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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